

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WACO DIVISION**

Endotrans Technologies LLC, Plaintiff, v. Apollo Endosurgery Inc., Defendant.	Case No. 6:20-cv-745 Patent Case Jury Trial Demanded
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COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiff Endotrans Technologies LLC (“Plaintiff”), through its attorneys, complains of Apollo Endosurgery Inc. (“Defendant”), and alleges the following:

PARTIES

1. Plaintiff Endotrans Technologies LLC is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware that maintains its principal place of business at 261 West 35th St., Suite 1003, NY, NY 10001.

2. Defendant Apollo Endosurgery Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware that maintains an established place of business at 1120 S Capital of Texas Hwy Bldg 1, Suite 300, Austin, TX 78746.

JURISDICTION

3. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code.

4. This Court has exclusive subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

5. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because it has engaged in systematic and continuous business activities in this District. As described below, Defendant has committed acts of patent infringement giving rise to this action within this District.

VENUE

6. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b) because Defendant has committed acts of patent infringement in this District, and has an established place of business in this District. In addition, Plaintiff has suffered harm in this district.

PATENT-IN-SUIT

7. Plaintiff is the assignee of all right, title and interest in United States Patent No. 8,961,545 (the “’545 Patent”); (the “Patent-in-Suit”); including all rights to enforce and prosecute actions for infringement and to collect damages for all relevant times against infringers of the Patent-in-Suit. Accordingly, Plaintiff possesses the exclusive right and standing to prosecute the present action for infringement of the Patent-in-Suit by Defendant.

The ’545 Patent

8. The ’545 Patent is entitled “Soft tissue anchoring methods and devices,” and issued 2/24/2015. The application leading to the ’545 Patent was filed on 3/16/2005. A true and correct copy of the ’545 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference.

9. The ’545 Patent is valid and enforceable.

COUNT 1: INFRINGEMENT OF THE ’545 PATENT

10. Plaintiff incorporates the above paragraphs herein by reference.

11. **Direct Infringement.** Defendant has been and continues to directly infringe one or more claims of the ’545 Patent in at least this District by making, using, offering to sell, selling and/or importing, without limitation, at least the Defendant products identified in the

charts incorporated into this Count below (among the “Exemplary Defendant Products”) that infringe at least the exemplary claims of the ’545 Patent also identified in the charts incorporated into this Count below (the “Exemplary ’545 Patent Claims”) literally or by the doctrine of equivalents. On information and belief, numerous other devices that infringe the claims of the ’545 Patent have been made, used, sold, imported, and offered for sale by Defendant and/or its customers.

12. Defendant also has and continues to directly infringe, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, the Exemplary ’545 Patent Claims, by having its employees internally test and use these Exemplary Products.

13. The service of this Complaint upon Defendant constitutes actual knowledge of infringement as alleged here.

14. Despite such actual knowledge, Defendant continues to make, use, test, sell, offer for sale, market, and/or import into the United States, products that infringe the ’545 Patent. On information and belief, Defendant has also continued to sell the Exemplary Defendant Products and distribute product literature and website materials inducing end users and others to use its products in the customary and intended manner that infringes the ’545 Patent. Thus, on information and belief, Defendant is contributing to and/or inducing the infringement of the ’545 Patent.

15. **Induced Infringement.** Defendant actively, knowingly, and intentionally has been and continues to induce infringement of the ’545 Patent, literally or by the doctrine of equivalents, by selling Exemplary Defendant Products to their customers for use in end-user products in a manner that infringes one or more claims of the ’545 Patent.

16. **Contributory Infringement.** Defendant actively, knowingly, and intentionally has been and continues materially contribute to their own customers' infringement of the '545 Patent, literally or by the doctrine of equivalents, by selling Exemplary Defendant Products to their customers for use in end-user products in a manner that infringes one or more claims of the '545 Patent. Moreover, the Exemplary Defendant Products are not a staple article of commerce suitable for substantial noninfringing use.

17. Exhibit 2 includes charts comparing the Exemplary '545 Patent Claims to the Exemplary Defendant Products. As set forth in these charts, the Exemplary Defendant Products practice the technology claimed by the '545 Patent. Accordingly, the Exemplary Defendant Products incorporated in these charts satisfy all elements of the Exemplary '545 Patent Claims.

18. Plaintiff therefore incorporates by reference in its allegations herein the claim charts of Exhibit 2.

19. Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages adequate to compensate for Defendant's infringement.

JURY DEMAND

20. Under Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff respectfully requests a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests the following relief:

- A. A judgment that the '545 Patent is valid and enforceable;
- B. A judgment that Defendant has infringed, contributorily infringed, and/or induced infringement of one or more claims of the '545 Patent;
- C. An accounting of all damages not presented at trial;

- D. A judgment that awards Plaintiff all appropriate damages under 35 U.S.C. § 284 for Defendant's past infringement and, with respect to the '545 patent, any continuing or future infringement, up until the date such judgment is entered including pre- or post-judgment interest, costs, and disbursements as justified under 35 U.S.C. § 284;
- E. And, if necessary, to adequately compensate Plaintiff for Defendant's infringement, an accounting:
- i. that this case be declared exceptional within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285 and that Plaintiff be awarded its reasonable attorneys' fees against Defendant that it incurs in prosecuting this action;
 - ii. that Plaintiff be awarded costs, and expenses that it incurs in prosecuting this action; and
 - iii. that Plaintiff be awarded such further relief at law or in equity as the Court deems just and proper.

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Respectfully submitted,

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